

**LODI CITY COUNCIL
SHIRTSLEEVE SESSION
CARNEGIE FORUM, 305 WEST PINE STREET
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2008**

A. Roll Call by City Clerk

An Informal Informational Meeting ("Shirtsleeve" Session) of the Lodi City Council was held Tuesday, August 19, 2008, commencing at 7:02 a.m.

B. Topic(s)

B-1 Park Improvements and Capital Projects (PR)

City Manager King briefly introduced the subject matter of park improvements and capital projects.

Interim Parks and Recreation Director Rodems provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding park improvements and capital projects. Specific topics of discussion included why we have parks, Lodi park facts, park projects, Century Meadows Park, playground replacement, Blakely Park, Lodi Lake, Lawrence / Salas Parks, Pixley Park, Grape Bowl, Pigs Lake riverbank project, park standards, landscape and hardscape areas, recreation areas, amenities and structures, and future goals for parks. Parks Superintendent Steve Dutra and Park Project Coordinator Steve Virrey also provided specific information regarding parks and Lodi Lake.

In response to Mayor Mounce, Mr. Rodems stated that staff intends to continue to have operable structures accessible to the public and not close the parks in their entirety during improvements if possible. He stated staff would also like to publish the improvement schedule for the three specific parks for public notification purposes.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Dutra stated that the Electric Utility, through a test project and public benefit dollars, is supporting an upgraded light project at Salas Park to provide better lighting to the area. Mr. Dutra stated only the lighting is being replaced and the poles will remain.

In response to Council Member Johnson, Mr. Rodems, Mr. Dutra, and Mr. King stated the report regarding Pigs Lake improvements was just received and additional information will be available shortly. They also stated they are expecting some sort of combined solution for the improvements, which will also be driven by funding sources.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. Rodems stated that, while funding will be an issue, the goal of the program is to determine what the particular issues are for specific parks, to determine the associated costs, and to allow for a general understanding so that there can be some prioritization of the projects. Mr. King stated it will be good to get ahead of State requirements and look at funding for projects earlier rather than only dealing with them on an emergency basis.

In response to Council Member Hitchcock, Mr. King stated the parks prioritization program is before the Parks and Recreation Commission. Mr. Rodems stated the Commission will likely set the priorities through standards before the item is brought to Council for consideration.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. Dutra stated staff has received quotes for the ramps made of new technology at the Skate Park for review. He confirmed that the park is currently closed.

In response to Council Member Katzakian, Mr. Dutra stated the cost is \$30,000 for the materials, hardware, and fasteners for the Skate Park.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. Dutra stated the matter of the Skate Park was agendaized for the previous Commission meeting and the general indication was that they would like to keep the Skate Park as a part of the parks program. Mr. Rodems stated it may be beneficial to look at an instruction program at the Skate Park and continue to gauge interest over an extended period of time. Mr. Dutra stated the parks annual maintenance and upkeep is approximately \$7,000 and bikes may be a discouraging factor for maintenance purposes.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. Rodems stated staff has been working with Public Works in conjunction with the basins at DeBenedetti Park. Mr. King stated the design of the proposed park is very nice but very costly. He stated they are continuing to look at ways to provide a nice park for a lower cost and he anticipates that Frontier Community Builders will be requesting an amendment to the development agreement with respect to its \$8 million contribution to the park in light of the slow down in the housing market.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. King stated staff inquired about the development of Roget Park in conjunction with a trade off for a senior housing project. He stated there may be some alternatives available for the same.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore Hansen, Mr. Dutra stated that Pixley Park is slated to be a softball complex complete with concession stands and parking; although, funding is lacking for the project.

In response to Myrna Wetzel, Mr. Rodems stated graffiti abatement is considered a part of park maintenance.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

None.

D. Adjournment

No action was taken by the City Council. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randi Johl
City Clerk



CITY OF LODI COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Park Improvements and Capital Projects

MEETING DATE: August 19, 2008

PREPARED BY: Interim Parks and Recreation Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive information on current Parks and Recreation projects and contracts prioritized to be started or completed during fiscal year 2008-09.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Staff will provide an overview to the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT: None

FUNDING: None required

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James M. Rodems".

James M. Rodems
Interim Parks and Recreation Director

JMR:tl

cc: City Attorney

APPROVED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Blair King".

Blair King, City Manager

A photograph of a park landscape featuring a body of water, tall reeds in the foreground, and a dense line of trees in the background. The text is overlaid on this image.

Park Improvements and Capital Projects

**Presented by James Rodems
Interim Parks & Recreation Director**

Aug. 19, 2008



Why do we have parks?

- ❑ Physical well-being of the community
- ❑ Emotional well-being of the community
- ❑ Social area to gather
- ❑ Improves intellectual development through play



Lodi park facts

- ❑ 275.34 developed acres, 97.5 undeveloped acres
- ❑ State industry standard: 5 acres/1,000 residents
- ❑ Lodi: 4.33 acres/1,000 residents
- ❑ Annual maintenance cost/acre: \$9,065
- ❑ Lodi has 1 FTE/17.48 acres
- ❑ We have approximately 5 acres of contracted maintenance property.



Park projects

- ❑ National Guard Armory rental contract
- ❑ Grounds maintenance for Grape Festival
- ❑ Century Meadows Park
- ❑ Hazardous tree removal requests
- ❑ Potential moving of Vinewood Park cricket pitch to Beckman Park
- ❑ Park endowments



Park projects (continued)

- ❑ Coast Guard vessel inspections
- ❑ Park maintenance standards
- ❑ Adopt-A-Park
- ❑ Irrigation repairs
- ❑ BOBS
- ❑ Special events (i.e. Taste of Lodi)
- ❑ Salas Park light project
- ❑ Skate Park repair

Century Meadows Park

- ❑ Landscape and lighting district park
- ❑ Pursue purchase of equipment, supplies and materials



Playground replacement

- ❑ Candy Cane Park
- ❑ Emerson Tot Lot
- ❑ English Oaks



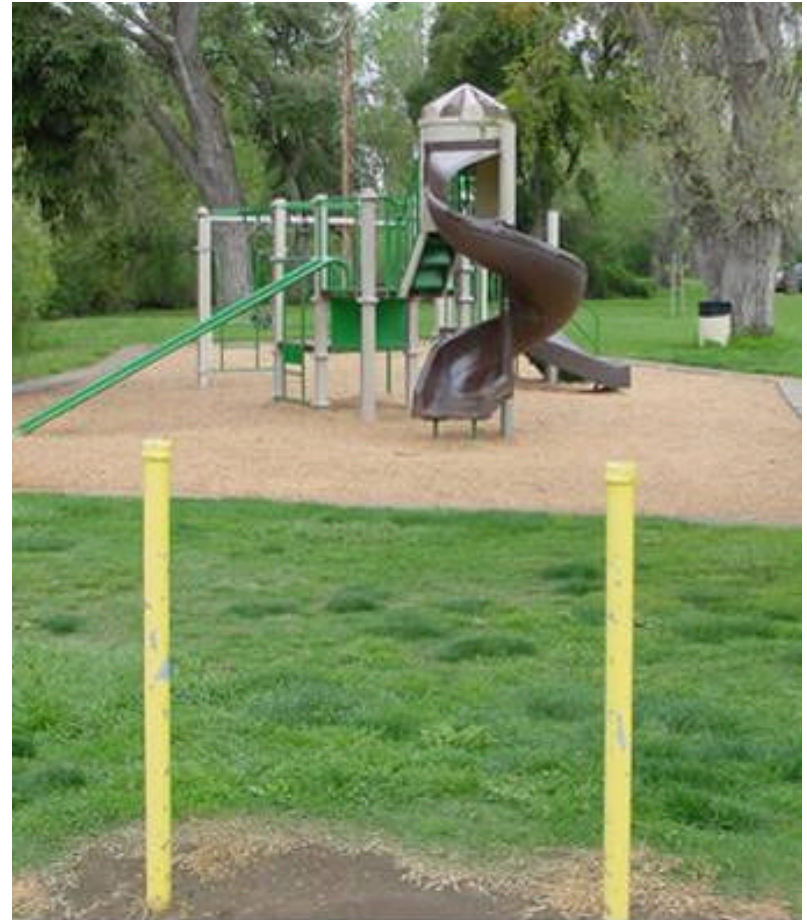
Blakely Park

- ❑ Security issues
- ❑ North pool deck improvements
- ❑ Maintenance of poured-in-place material



Lodi Lake

- ❑ Boat House/
Discovery Center
improvements
- ❑ Discovery Center
interpretive panels
- ❑ Replacement of
north playground





Lawrence/Salas parks

- Lawrence: Repair of poured-in-place material
- Salas: Replacement of lights on east side of park



Pixley Park

- ❑ Slope stabilization
- ❑ Construction drawings for the installation of the irrigation booster pump and controller
- ❑ G-REM will be purchasing and installing equipment

Grape Bowl

- ❑ Phase I - Request for proposals
- ❑ Stair repair (joint project with LUSD)
- ❑ Field House roof replacement





Pigs Lake riverbank project

- ❑ Site inspection was completed including site survey and schematic site map
- ❑ Secure final engineer's report
- ❑ Engineer contacting State and Federal agencies regarding preliminary repair work
- ❑ Investigate funding



Objective: Park standards

- ❑ Communicate condition of the park system to management, elected officials, public
- ❑ Develop department goals regarding maintenance standards
- ❑ Establish a link between park conditions and department resources
- ❑ Assists department in prioritizing maintenance functions
- ❑ Improve park conditions through efficient resource allocations

Landscaped, hardscaped areas

- ❑ Lawns
- ❑ Ornamental gardens, shrubs, and ground covers
- ❑ Trees
- ❑ Hardscape areas and trails
- ❑ Open space



Recreation Areas

- ❑ Turf athletic fields
- ❑ Outdoor athletic courts
- ❑ Children's play areas
- ❑ Dog parks



Amenities & structures

- ❑ Benches, tables, drinking fountains and shelters
- ❑ Restrooms
- ❑ Waste and recycling receptacles
- ❑ Structures
- ❑ Parking lots and roads



Future Goals for Parks

- ❑ Maintain current play structures and replace previously removed structures.
- ❑ Establish reliable, measurable, and objective information on park conditions.
- ❑ Improve consistency and minimize subjectivity of park conditions.
- ❑ Develop performance measures and establish future objectives.